

MINUTES

INDIANA BOARD OF FIREFIGHTER PERSONNEL STANDARDS AND EDUCATION

**DECEMBER 3, 2007 6PM
FIREFIGHTER UNION HALL
748 MASSACHUSETTS AVE
INDIANAPOLIS IN 46204**

**A. BOARD MEETING CALLED TO ORDER
6 PM**

B. ROLL CALL

Present

Michael Garvey
Thomas Hanify
Jack Kerney Sr.
Jerry Nulliner
Joe Wainscott Jr.
Gerald George
Darrick Scott (6:20pm-9pm)
Candice Ashby
Ab Crosby
Jeff Hayes

Absent

Roger Johnson
Don Hall

**C. MINUTES FROM OCTOBER MEETING AND
STATISTICAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER AND
NOVEMBER.**

Jack Kerney made a motion to pass. Jeff Hayes seconded.
Motion passed.

D. VARIANCES

1. Russell Feuguay requested a variance for Hazardous Materials Incident Command based on training through the National Fire Academy.

Staff had no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

2. Bryan Woodall requested a variance for Instructor I. He is a Law Enforcement Instructor based on documentation enclosed.

Staff had no recommendation.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

3. John Chaille requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Awareness; Wilderness Awareness; Confined Space Awareness; Structural Collapse Awareness; Swift Water Awareness; and Trench Rescue Awareness, based on the class taught by Russ Shoaf and Gerald George. John is not a Firefighter.

Staff had no recommendation.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve his request and grant a variance for Firefighter 2 also. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George abstained from vote.

4. Tony Giovaninni requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Awareness; Wilderness Awareness; Confined Space Awareness; Structural Collapse Awareness; Swift Water Awareness; and Trench Rescue Awareness, based on the class taught by Russ Shoaf and Gerald George.

Staff had no recommendation.

Joe Wainscott made a motion to approve. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George abstained from vote.

5. Raymond Miller requested variances for Rope Rescue Technician; Rescue Tech-Surface Water Rescue; Instructor Swift Water Rescue;

Trench Rescue Awareness and Operations; Emergency Vehicle Tech I and II, based on enclosed documentation.

Staff had no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to table everything with the exception of Rope Rescue Technician because more information is required. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed. Joe Wainscott made a motion to deny the request for Rope Rescue technician. We have testing in place. Gerald George seconded. Motion to deny passed.

6. Tobias Frost requested variances for Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on training at the South Bend River Rescue Course.

Staff had no recommendation.

Chief Lopez spoke about the training being the best in the country and rope is more than covered in the training. South Bend is working with the State to try to solve this problem and use the testing that the state has in place. Chief Lopez volunteered to work with the board to resolve the issues involved.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed on a 7- 2 vote.

7. Elliott Russell requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness and Operations; and Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations based on the enclosed documentation.

Staff has no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to deny. We have testing in place for Rope and this is a prerequisite for Confined Space. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed.

8. Christopher Kane requested variances for Rope Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician and Trench Rescue Awareness based on documentation enclosed.

Staff has no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to deny. We have testing in place for Rope and this is a prerequisite for Trench. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

9. Aaron Bolinger requested variances for Confined Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician; Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on the enclosed documentation. His original request was March 2007 and was accidentally sent back to South Bend FD. It took 6 months to receive it back from them.

Staff had no recommendation.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

10. Brian Anderson requested variances for Wildland Firefighter 1 and 2 based on his training through the Department of Natural Resources.

Staff had no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to approve. Jack Kerney seconded. Motion passed.

11. Larry Southard requested variances for Confined Space Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Rescue Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness based on a training sponsored IDHS.

Staff has no recommendation.

Joe Wainscott made a motion to approve. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George abstained from vote.

12. Brian Kazmierzak requested a variance for Wilderness Rescue Operations based on the enclosed documentation.

Staff had no recommendation.

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve. Gerald George seconded. Motion passed.

13. Hidekatsu Kajitani requested variances for Confined Space Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Rescue Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness based on a training sponsored IDHS.

Staff had no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to approve. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George abstained from vote.

14. Lonnie Noble requested variances for Instructor 1, and II/III. He is an Indiana Law Enforcement Instructor and a Firefighter ½. Certifications enclosed.

Staff had no recommendation.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

15. Gary Wilson requested variances for Instructor I, and II/III. He is a Firefighter 2, and a law enforcement instructor. See enclosed certifications.

Staff had no recommendation.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

16. Cathy Waggoner requested variances for Confined Space Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Collapse Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, Wilderness Rescue Awareness, and also requested a variance to the 1 year time frame for Firefighter 2. She took the course by Gerald George.

Staff had no recommendation.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

The Rescue Technical Awareness level students from Lafayette/South Bend requested variances for Confined Space Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Rescue Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness.

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| 17. Shawn Elkins | 18. David Stanley |
| 19. Robert Prather | 20. Paul Clevenger |
| 21. Rob Grisez | 22. Chris Evander |
| 23. Brian Alkins | 24. Paul Fitzgerald |
| 25. Richard Doyle | 26. William Huffer |
| 27. Kevin McCombs | 28. David Bisher |

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| 29. Jeff Cole | 30. Michael Davis |
| 31. Dewayne Pirtle | 32. Michael Buck |
| 33. Lewis Watson | 34. Tyler Jenkins |
| 35. Brian Larimore | 36. Joseph Wade |
| 37. Matthew Jewell | 38. Geoffrey Carlson |

Staff had no recommendation.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve and grant variances for Firefighter 2 for Brian Larimore and Tyler Jenkins. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George abstained from voting.

The Rescue Technical Awareness level students from Michigan City requested variances for Confined Rescue Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Rescue Awareness, Swift Water Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness.

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| 39. Ken Nemes | 40. Sean Jacks |
| 41. Dwayne Tate | 42. Chad Compton |
| 43. Michael Battles | 44. Michael Osborne |
| 45. William Branham | 46. Mark Belanger |
| 47. Jason Peters | 48. Keith Austin |
| 49. Joey Wrigley | |

Staff had no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to approve. Joe Wainscott seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George abstained from voting.

The Rescue Technical Awareness level students from Muncie requested variances for Confined Rescue Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Rescue Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness.

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| 50. Robert Jackson | 51. Robert Nunez |
| 52. Stacy White | 53. Pamela Stigall |
| 54. Richard Backs | 55. Tom Sheridan |
| 56. Donald Watson | 57. Eric Wilson |
| 58. Jeffery Sebastian | 59. Donald Pence |
| 60. Brad Bell | 61. Alan Richards |
| 62. Morgan Ellis | 63. Melinda Webb |
| 64. Justin Wyman | 65. Steven Ervin |
| 66. Patrick Hoose | 67. Jason Bilyeu |
| 68. Mike Cooper | 69. Benton Strunck |

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| 70. Robert Mixell | 71. Brian Manship |
| 72. Austin Rich | 73. Troy Dulaney |
| 74. Scott Hahn | 75. Brandon Mullins |
| 76. Shawn Blair | 77. Robert Mead |
| 78. James Clevenger Jr. | 79. Larry Delk |
| 80. John Grimaldi | 81. Jason Jackson |
| 82. Michael Wallace | 83. Gary Bowden |

Tom Hanify made a motion to approve and grant variance for Firefighter 2 for Patrick Hoose and Robert Nunez. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed. Gerald George abstained from voting.

84. Steve Stackhouse requested Structural Collapse Awareness, and Trench Awareness from the same class.

Jack Kerney made a motion to approve. Darrick Scott seconded. Motion passed.

85. David Boone requested Rope Rescue Awareness, Wilderness Rescue Awareness, Confined Space Rescue Awareness, Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, and Trench Rescue Awareness from the same class.

Staff had no recommendation.

Darrick Scott made a motion to approve. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed.

The Rescue Technical Awareness level students from South Bend requested variances for Confined Rescue Awareness, Rope Rescue Awareness, Structural Rescue Awareness, Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Trench Rescue Awareness, Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, and Wilderness Rescue Awareness.

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| 86. Jeremy Caudill | 87. Jeffrey Hamilton |
| 88. Eric Haverstock | 89. Ray Harvey |
| 90. Ken Miller | 91. Jason Neher |
| 92. David Kaufman | 93. Aaron Cleek |
| 94. Michael J Wirtes | 95. Michael S Wirtes |
| 96. Nick Zirille | 97. Steven Downey |
| 98. Michael Hochstetler | 99. Steven Kerckhove |
| 100. Gregory Metzger | 101. Mark Tice |
| 102. Jams Kumm | 103. Derek Warnke |
| 104. Mike Nemes | 105. Ryan Zentz |
| 106. Nick Kaufman | 107. Nicola DeCicco |
| 108. Tony Nania | 109. Steven Pritz |

110. David Pritz

Darrick Scott made a motion to approve with the exceptions of Gregory Metzger and Steven Kerckhove tabled for Hazmat Awareness, and to grant Nick Kaufman a variance the Firefighter 2 prerequisite. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

111. Stephen Arndt requested variances for Confined Space Rescue Awareness Operations and Technician based on the Illinois program; Hazmat Awareness, Operations and Technician based on training through North Central Environmental and Industrial training; Structural Collapse Rescue Awareness and Operations based on training through Lafayette FD; Trench Rescue Awareness, Operations, and Technician based on training through Great Lakes Safety course; and Vehicle/Machinery Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on training through Progressive Rescue Solutions Inc.

This was on the August 2007 agenda and tabled for more information. Copies of certifications were missing.

Staff had no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to deny. Hazmat testing in place and this is a prerequisite for the balance. Darrick Scott second. Request was denied.

112. Shon Hough requested variances for Swift Water Rescue Awareness, Operations and Technician based on training through the South Bend River Rescue, and Rope Awareness and Operations based on the same training.

Staff had no recommendation.

Gerald George made a motion to deny. We have testing in place. Jeff Hayes seconded. Request denied. Vote 5-3 to deny.

E. RECIPROCITY REQUESTS

No requests at this time.

F. STATE FIRE MARSHAL REPORT- ROGER JOHNSON

The report was given by Michael Garvey.

Most are aware that in the last 7 days we have had 5 residential fatalities due to fire. This is the season for heating appliance and Christmas decoration fires so I encourage everyone to be aware.

**G. HOMELAND SECURITY TRAINING DIVISION
REPORT; DIRECTOR JOSEPH WAINSCOTT JR.**

We have the pilot in place with Ivy Tech on computer based testing for EMT-B now. There is a \$15.00 fee for this testing and it is probably cheaper for most students to go there than drive all over the place. We will be adding more testing in January. In the spring we will be making some fire testing available. We will be announcing this at a later date. We have just about completed a combination test of the 7 awareness rescue disciplines. Non firefighters wanting this certification will still have to file for variances until the rules change.

**H. CERTIFICATION BRANCH CHIEF, TONY
PAGANO**

Our section has been catching up. Everything that has been in the office with the exception of last week, has been graded.

Joe Wainscott – Under the current rule, we are required to complete practicals. We are going to delete the awareness level practicals.

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDINGS- JUDGE
TEEGARDEN**

No report at this time.

J. OLD BUSINESS

1. Manuela Johnson – Motorsports update

Based on information received, the committee is examining the documentation for the awareness, operations and technician levels.

10 MINUTE BREAK

2. Mara Snyder - update on rule changes and 655 IAC 1-3-7 and document 07-450.

The discussion is on the proposed rules dated of 10-29-07.

- Moving Technical rescue certifications to non fire personnel.

- Instructor must be certified in the field they are instructing. This means, if you teach firefighter I/II, you must be certified firefighter I/II.
- Jerry Nulliner will offer a fiscal impact statement from the Board of Firefighter Personnel Standards and Education..
- **This may be a huge fiscal impact on smaller fire departments and their communities.**
- Phase in the change in over a 2 year period.
- The lead evaluator will have the same restrictions. They must be certified in the field they are evaluating.
- Oral testing will no longer be allowed. (Letter from Randy Brown submitted asking for no oral testing due to safety concerns.
Ab Crosby made a motion to remove oral testing. Tom Hanify seconded. Motion passed . The vote 6-3. Oral testing will be removed from the proposed rules.
- Tom Hanify offered to serve on a sub committee to meet with legal counsel and walk through the rules for clarification before the next meeting.

3. Requests tabled for more information at the past board meeting.

- a) Craig Mueller original request 7-07 tabled for more information. No response

Gerald George made a motion to deny his request. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

- b) Chad Hoey original request 6-07, tabled for continued education hours. No response.

Jack Kerney made a motion to deny. Jeff Hayes seconded. Motion passed.

4. Pro Board inquiry.

Pro Board for Indiana was looked into and it was determined that since Pro Board and IFSAC were so closely related, that Indiana did not need to do both.

K. NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting dates for 2008

January 14 – Indianapolis 10am

February 25 – Indianapolis 10 am

April 14 - Jasper – 6pm

May 19 – Anderson 6 pm
June 19 – IVFA Vevay 10 am
July 28 – Lafayette 6 pm
September 15 – Plymouth 6 pm
October 27 – Ft Wayne 10 am
December 8 – Union Hall 10am

L. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm